



Illinois Campers On Mission

October 2020

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President's Letter—John Lindeman



Hello campers,

This is the list that I have to attend Fall Rally at this time:

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| John and Francie Lindeman | Don and Jan Kragness |
| Dick and Karen Mowers | George and Penny Meese |
| Leroy and Irma Burnett | Alberta Woodside |
| Emil and Lois Nattier | Fred and Paula Riley |
| Harold and Susan Mills | Bryan and Terri Keller |
| Gary and Karen Watson | Arnold and Paula Ramage |
| Jim and Pattie Noeth | Brad and Leslie Lovin & family |
| Richard and Anita Evans | Gary and Cindy Donaldson |
| Ray Riffey | James and Catherine Rentfrow |
| Ken and Marty Ramsey | |

If you are not on the list but are coming please let me know. The schedule for the rally is in this newsletter and in the recent emails you have received. Please remember to bring your auction goodies and join in that fun on Saturday.

We will have a national rally meeting on Friday afternoon for committee chair persons. Please bring your updates for your team so we can review where we are in our planning.

We have a Christian comedian scheduled for Sat evening, Trevor Thomas. He is nationally known and was able to work us into his schedule as he is traveling on to another performance. Check him out on the internet and plan to have a great time laughing.

After a good group discussion, it was decided that a majority of the rally events should take place on the weekend so more people could attend but we also wanted to have some time to rest and just be together. We hope you come out and support and enjoy all the activities but especially on the weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and God bless you,
John & Francie

COM Officers

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FALL RALLY SCHEDULE --- CELEBRATING 45 YEARS

October 7—11, 2020 Lake Sallateeska

Wednesday, October 7

Arrive for Rally – meals on your own

*******Please bring items for auction & National Rally to the Chapel so they can be organized*******

*If you need a hotel room for the rally, please let John know ASAP so it can be reserved

Camping is a suggested donation of \$15 per night & hotel is suggested donation of \$30 per night

Thursday, October 8

Free time in AM—fishing, shopping, fellowshipping, looking at historical COM documents

*******Please bring items for auction & National Rally to the Chapel so they can be organized*******

5:30 pm – hot dog roast & potluck – lake side pavilion

7 pm – hay ride around Lake Sallateeska & S'mores around campfire

Friday, October 9

Free time in AM—fishing, shopping, fellowshipping, looking at historical COM documents

*******Please bring items for auction & National Rally to the Chapel so they can be organized*******

1 pm – National Rally committee meeting - hotel

5:30 pm – Chili cook off & dinner – dining hall (bring your recipe)

(beverages and table service provided, bring sandwiches to share or dessert)

7:00 – Chili cook off awards, Games & skits at dining hall, Ice Cream Party

Saturday, October 10

9 am—Executive meeting in the hotel

10 am—General business meeting & 2021 National Rally Updates & Election of officers—hotel

2 pm – auction in chapel

5 pm – Trevor Thomas, Christian Comedian (free will offering will be taken)

6:30 pm – chicken dinner potluck in dining hall (chicken, beverages and table service will be provided)

Sunday, October 11

8 am - breakfast

10 am – worship service followed by a short Memorial service for those that have passed or early COM members **(Please make sure to let us know names of members to be honored)**

11:15 am—COM closing songs & prayer & Pack up and say goodbye



FIRST BAPTIST
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**FBC - Vision -
Grounded,
Growing, Going**

**First Baptist
Church Grayville
leads its
members to be
Grounded in
Theology,
Growing in
Discipleship, and
Going in
Missions.**



Pastor David

Grayville Baptist Church

Project Report - Grayville

Ten men volunteered and participated as Campers On Mission with the water leak-
age resolution Tuesday September 1, 2020.

Attendance:

- John Lindeman president - Cornerstone Baptist
- George Meese project coordinator - Oblong FBC?
- Don Kragness region 4 coordinator - 3rd Baptist Marion
- Richard Evans ----- Christopher FBC
- DeWayne Collier ----- Odin FBC
- James Rentfrow ----- Farina FBC
- Tom Reed ----- Salem FBC
- Gary Watson ----- Salem FBC
- Ronnie Donoho ----- Salem FBC
- Emil Nattier ----- Salem FBC

Goal stated:

Stop the water leaking into the eleven year old church building. George Meese
identified the root cause and directed the project.

Everyone got up by 4:45am to travel to Grayville FBC by 8:00 am. Task was com-
pleted by 4:55 pm in spite of a rain delay midway of the task. Everyone was home
by 8:30 pm. No overnight stay. 90 man hours worked today.

Tasks completed:

- Remove and replace siding.
- Apply fire and ice material under siding
- Replace J channel
- Replace starting strip
- Replace boot over nursery restroom vent
- Install two boots over conduits for led outdoor lighting

2020 IL COM Schedule

October 7-11	Lake Sallateeska Fall Rally & auction	Pinckneyville, IL
(NOTE CHANGE OF DATES)	<i>Celebrating 45 years of IL Campers On Mission</i>	
December 5	Annual Christmas Luncheon	Farina, IL
June 9-11, 2021	National COM Rally	DuQuoin, Illinois

Calendar of Birthdays and Anniversaries—September



1	Jim	Herrin
5	Sue	Herrin
5	Jon	Wieldt
7	George	Meese
10	Catherine	Rentfrow
21	Red	Collins
21	Tom	Wilkerson



*NOTE:

If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed this year, please let me know because it means I don't have that information.

We want everyone to be honored on their special day.

**Working with our Iowa COM brothers and sisters in Ottumwa on a project
Albia Road Baptist Church, Ottumwa, Iowa**

IL COM members that helped Iowa: George & Penny Meese, Leroy & Irma Burnett and Dick & Karen Mowers

Project report – Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 13 – 18, 2020

1. replaced window sills in 6 windows
2. replaced 2 bathroom floors & painted 4 upstairs bathrooms
3. took down and replaced with dry wall 2 ceilings in short hallways by sanctuary, taped, mudded and painted
4. scraped and painted outdoor windows – upper and lower story
5. power washed building – steeple, gable ends, fellowship hall
6. painted wooden part of the steeple
7. replaced partial brick mold
8. tore out old and built new kitchen counter in fellowship hall
9. painted all hallways in lower part of church building
10. converted 12 fluorescent fixtures to LED
11. lettered church name above outside front doors and on back door
12. painted primer and finish coat in bathroom beside kitchen – walls and ceiling
13. replaced kitchen sink faucet and sink basket
14. put new lights in baptistery and toddler room
15. put up new fan over alter area
16. put in new electrical outlets in baptistery and toddler room
17. made 3 baby quilts for church to give to Crisis Pregnancy Center
18. cleaned and straightened kitchen
19. cleaned and straightened nursery
20. cleaned & straightened toddler room
21. put up coat hooks in toddler room
22. made curtains and valances for fellowship hall
23. made valances for youth room
24. made valances for nursery
25. reinstalled baseboard in bathrooms & toilets
26. installed 3 new outside LED parking lot lights for security
27. installed LED lights on front yard sign
28. tuck pointed brick on front sign
29. cleaned fascia boards around roof of church
30. presented a program on COM to women's mission group
31. completed 9 As You Go bears
32. made 2 hooded bath towels for children for Crisis Pregnancy Center
33. made a baby bath apron for Crisis Pregnancy center
34. sewed 7 complete aprons for IL COM National Rally project and cut & and partially completed many more

Chaplain's Corner

Last week, September 19-27, we were able to serve the DeRidder, LA area with a team of 14 volunteers working Disaster Relief doing chainsaw, feeding, chaplaincy, and assessing. We can never guess what God has in store, and we were blessed again to watch Him work.

One of the homeowners who stands out in our mind had huge trees down all over his property, but he had so much more weighing heavy on him. His wife has Muscular Dystrophy now for 42 years. His daughter went into a wheel chair at the age of 16 with MD and is now 40 years old. It is very difficult to communicate with either one of them. He is sole caregiver for his wife and has some part time help with the daughter through a government program. He cannot leave the house or be outside for more than an hour without risking one of them attempting to do something on their own causing injury to themselves. They are both confined to wheelchairs controlled by joysticks.



As the team began to work on the property each volunteer was intentional in connecting with the homeowner and sharing the Good News of the Gospel. One of our team members, Dan, had an interest in plants and the homeowner apparently connected with Dan because he had a greenhouse before it was destroyed by the hurricane. As Dan developed a relationship with him, he took the conversation to a Gospel Conversation. Learning that the homeowner did not have a personal relationship with Jesus, he was able to share the Good News in such a way that touched the homeowner who then prayed to Jesus as Savior. Dan's presentation gave the Holy Spirit the timing to draw the homeowner into a relationship at that moment.

Cindy and Lois had spent the week assessing the damage to property of homeowners who had requested assistance. We were able to stop by where the team was working and learned of the homeowner's decision to call on Jesus for salvation. When we learned of the physical health of the wife and daughter, the homeowner invited Lois in to meet them. In kneeling down beside his wife I used an As You Go Bear to present the Gospel to her. I could see that she knew the verses and through much difficulty in understanding her utterances, I was able to determine that she had accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized at the age of 25. The daughter then came in and it was even more difficult to communicate with her, but I could make out that she said, "I love Jesus." I also gave her a bear. These two precious ladies touched my heart, and I still think of them often.

The church where we stayed is reaching out to this family, and we pray by doing so they will be a much needed help to this family.

FOR SALE: 2016 KZ spree 320bs I need to sell this for health reasons. It has lots of upgrades and accessories. It has all you need to go straight to a camp ground. Contact Jerry McDowell for more information. 618-559-4551



Photos from Grayville and Ottumwa

